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[16.](#) (SBU) Wolpe proposed a third training component focused on the FARDC leadership. This program would seek to develop a cohesive and unified high command through a program in communication, collaboration, and negotiation. Minister of Defense Charles Mwando said leadership training would be appreciated as the FARDC is a composite army in need of standardized training.

[17.](#) (SBU) Comment: Special Advisor Wolpe's visit to the DRC was preceded by several days of bad press regarding the U.S. position on former CNDP military commander and now nominal FARDC commander Bosco. We believe GDRC officials expected a strong demarche on Bosco rather than the diplomatic initiatives proposed by Wolpe. As the true message of the Special Advisor's visit became clear, the meetings with GDRC decision makers became successively more positive. After quickly agreeing in principal to Special Advisor Wolpe's proposals, each politician presented a consistent message eliciting USG support for professionalization of the army. End comment.

[18.](#) (U) Special Advisor Wolpe has cleared this message.
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